

Abstract of the Disclosure

5 An interactive television program guide
system is provided in which data that must be available
quickly to the user is stored locally in a receiver
10 whereas data that is not readily needed but available
on-demand is stored remotely where mass storage is
available. Locally-stored data may include frequently-
requested information that the user needs quick access
to. Supplemental information stored remotely may
15 include information for which a slight delay following
a request for a particular item of information by the
user is acceptable. The program guide may display
locally-stored information either continuously as the
user is browsing the guide or as soon as the user
20 requests it. The program guide may request
supplemental information that is stored remotely when
the user requests it or as soon as it is clear the user
may want to view it. Accordingly, the program guide
may anticipate which information the user will need and
may store it locally in advance of the user actually
requesting it, thereby reducing any delays in viewing
the information.